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SUMMARY

I MET JANUARY 6 WITH ANAN PANYARACHUN, THAI AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE THAI TRADE DELEGATION THAT RECENTLY VISITED PYONGANG AND PAKING. ANAN WAS QUITE FORTHCOMING ABOUT HIS TRIP. HE SAID THE CHINESE WERE HAPPY ABOUT THE REPEAL OF REVOLUTIONARY PARTY DECREE 53, WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATE TRADING BILL, AND CONTINUE IN THEIR OBSESSION WITH THE SOVIET UNION. NO EARLY RTG RECOGNITION OF THE PRC IS IN SIGHT. END SUMMARY

1. ANAN SAID THAT IN CONTRAST TO THE VISIT TO NORTH KOREA, WHERE THE GOVERNMENT SPONSORED THE DELEGATION, THE CHINESE FOREIGN TRADE PROMOTION COUNCIL HOSTED THE DELEGATION IN CHINA. THERE WAS A DEPARTURE FROM THE TRADITIONAL "NON GOVERNMENTAL" TREATMENT OF THE THAI, HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GAVE A DINNER FOR THE DELEGATION AT THE MINISTRY'S OFFICIAL ENTER-
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TAINMENT CENTER, APPARENTLY THE FORMER RESIDENCE OF THE

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. ANAN SAID THAT A DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, HE BELIEVED IT WAS LI HSIEN-NIEN, MET WITH THE DELEGATION, AND ANAN PERSONALLY HAD AN HOUR LONG CONVERSATION WITH CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA.

2. ANAN SAID THE CHINESE WERE HAPPY ABOUT THE REPEAL OF REVOLUTIONARY PARTY DECREE 53 THAT HAD PROHIBITED TRADE WITH CHINA. THEY EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS, HOWEVER, ABOUT THE STATE TRADING BILL THAT THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HAD PASSED JUST BEFORE THE REPEAL. THEY ASKED WHETHER ITS PROVISIONS WOULD APPLY EQUALLY TO ALL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE USSR ABOUT WHICH THEY WERE GREATLY CONCERNED ON THIS AND OTHER ISSUES THE CHINESE DESCRIBED THE USSR AS A SUPERPOWER, ITS EASTERN EUROPEAN SATELLITES IN THE 2ND RUNG OF THE SOCIALIST RANKS, AND CHINA A "DEVELOPING COUNTRY" IN THE THIRD. ANAN ASSURED THE CHINESE THAT THE THAI WOULD TREAT ALL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES EQUALLY SAID THAT HE HAD ADVISED THE CHINESE NOT TO EXAMINE THE STATE TRADING BILL WITH A FINE TOOTHCOMB, BUT TO ACCEPT THAI GOOD WILL THAT WOULD TAKE PLACE.

3. ASIDE FROM THE USSR, ANAN SAID THE CHINESE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, SPECIFICALLY INDONESIA. ANAN SAID THE CHINESE DID NOT RAISE THE SUBJECT OF U.S. TROOPS IN THAILAND, NOR DID HE. NEITHER SIDE BROUGHT UP THE LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION PROBLEM IN CHINA. IN RESPONSE TO ANAN'S QUESTION, ONE MFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE NATIONAL PEOPLES' CONGRESS WOULD BE HELD "VERY SOON."

4. ANAN SAID HE STRESSED TO THE CHINESE THAT THE THAI TRADE DELEGATION WAS NOT EMPOWERED TO NEGOTIATE THE OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, NOR DID THE CHINESE PRESS FOR THIS MOVE. HE SAID HE LEFT NO IMPRESSION WITH THE CHINESE THAT THE RTG WAS ABOUT TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN, ALTHOUGH ANAN PRESUMED THAT THE PRC WOULD INSIST ON THIS STEP AS A PREREQUISITE TO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE RTG AND THE PRC. I RAISED THE CASE OF GAMBIA FOR WHICH THE PRC DID NOT DEMAND A RUPTURE OF RELATIONS WITH THE ROC. ANAN WAS UNAWARE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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IT, AND ASKED FOR A COPY OF THE COMMUNIQUE, WHICH WE WILL FURNISH HIM.

5. ANAN SAID THAT THE THAI WOULD EXPORT RUBBER, TIN, KENAF, AND SOFT AND HARD WOOD TO CHINA, AND IMPORT FROM CHINA FARM EQUIPMENT AND PAPER AMONG SOME NINE ITEMS, THE REST OF WHICH HE COULD NOT REMEMBER. HE SAID HE DID NOT DISCUSS THE IMPORTATION OF OIL FROM CHINA SINCE

DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CHATICHAI CHUNHAWAN WAS CURRENTLY
IN PAKING HANDLING THIS ISSUE. ANAN RECALLED THAT CHINA
EXPORTED THREE MILLION TONS OF OIL LAST YEAR.

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